and working children (iii) reorganise and restructure Teacher Education including establishment of District Institutes of Education and Training to increase teacher competence and provide academic support. in addition, new text books in accordance with the National policy on Education, 1986 "are being developed upto elementary level in a time bound pror gramme by NCERT and State Governments. Various incentive program mes like free supply of uniforms to 'girls students, free mid-day meals, free text books and attendance scholarships are being implemented by the State Governments/UT Administrations in the State Sector.

Unfit Private Buses under DTC

2753. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU; Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased bo state:

(a) whether it is also a fact that a large number of private buses have become unfit for public, use mostly on route Nos. 820, 810, 860, 830, 800, 310;

(b) when they were last inspected by the DTC authorities; and

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(c) whether there is any proposal to replace all unfit buses, if so, by when and if not, what are the reas'&ns therefor?

THE MINISTER OP STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT - (SHRI RAJESH PILOT); (a) to (c) The Corporation engages only those buses which are road-worthy and declared fit by State Transport Authority of Delhi Administration. There are about 714 private buses plying on the routes of DTC and it is only on the basis of valid certificate on inspection from STA, Delhi that the buses are allowed to run. Inspection of buses by STA is in accordance with the prescribed periodicity.

Study, of Assamese Language in Aligarh Muslim University

2754. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY; Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been no provision for the study of Assamese language in the undergraduate level in the Aligarh Muslim University and as such many students from Assam are facing difficulties;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to introduce Assamese in the Aligarh Muslim University at the under graduate level from the current session?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER); (a) and (b) At present there is no provision for the study of Assamese Language at the under-graduate level in the Aligarh Muslim University, because this University has not been able to get staff created for the purpose. The Govt, are not aware of the difficulties, if any, being faced by students from Assam in this regard.

(c) No, Sir.

Delay in the Passing of infant Code Bill in the Lok Sabha

2755. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMTNT be pleased to- refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2269- given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th March, 1939 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news report in the Centre of